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THE OBSERVATOR.

Reflections on a Libel call'd, Moderation Diſplay'd. *Remarks on the* French *General Officers brought into* England.

From **Wednesday** December the 20th, to **Saturday** December the 23d. 1704.

Country-m. MAſter *Obſervator*, you are now engaged in a Theme, or Subject, that highly tends to the Advantage of the *Engliſh* Nation. I would not willingly draw you from this Neceſſary Subject; but I have met with a Book at *London*, an Impudent Libel, and yet Publiſh'd in the Face of the World, and that without the Grunting of one *Hog*, *Sow* or *Pig*, after it, that I muſt deſire you, by the way of Parentheſis, to make ſome Obſervations upon it.

Obſ. Prithee what do'ſt call this Book?

Country-m. 'Tis call'd *Moderation Diſplay'd*: Written by the Author of *Faction Diſplay'd*.

Obſ. Very well; let me ſee it.

Country-m. Here it is.

Obſ. The Author is a Poor, Scandalous *Tory*, that ſets up for Ballad-maker General to Young *Perkin*, when God, for our Sins, ſhall ſuffer him to be the Lord knows what, the Lord knows when. This is the very ſame Author that has Written ſo many Libels upon our Right Reverend Biſhops, that has ſo Villanouſly Reflected upon the Memory of King *William*, and has Prais'd the Worſt, and Scandaliz'd the Beſt Men in Church and State: But 'tis no matter, *Sic Fata trahunt*, Every Dog has his Day; and the *Tory* Hounds have had many of them without Interruption.

Country-m. Pray, Maſter, let me hear your Opinion of this Expreſſion, in his Epiſtle to the Ballad ‘ That Scandalous Principle of Appeal-‘ ing to the Mob, I leave ſuch Maxims to the ‘ Relations and Friends of a certain Lawyer, ‘ who, at the *Obſervator's* Tryal, had the Impu-‘ dence (as the Attorney General Juſtly call'd ‘ it) to Inſinuate, *That the Crown was in the Diſ-‘ poſal of the People.*

Obſ. Here he repreſents the Attorney-General as Guilty of Ill Manners, on purpoſe to Introduce a Notorious Lye of his own Forging; for there was no ſuch Point Pleaded in Court, as he mentions, at the *Obſervator's* Tryal; nor ſhall I Plead the Point with him now, but would Adviſe this Poetical Politician, for the Benefit of the Ignorant, to tell us who have a Right to Diſpoſe of the Crown?

Country-m. Maſter, is there no Body to Puniſh a Sawcy Songſter for Lying? I ſhall Towel him my ſelf; he flings Dirt at every Body: Says he, in the ſame Page, ‘ I am told it has lately been ‘ delivered as Law, by a Great Man in *W* —— ‘ *Hall*, that a notorious Perjur'd Vagabond, with ‘ two Wives at once, being poſſeſs'd of a Sepa-‘ rate Congregation, tho' without any Licence ‘ or Legal Qualification to Preach to them, ‘ ſhall, for that Reaſon only, be exempted from ‘ the late Act for Impreſſing Vagrants.

Obſ. I would fain know where this Man got his Patent for Lying; 'tis certainly inſeparable from the Nature of a *High-Flyer*, they cannot but Lye: And this is indeed the Policy of the Faction: And Calumnies, Falſhoods and Slanders have done Wonders, eſpecially where the Inventers of them have had the Ear of the Prince.

God forbid that any of this *High-Flying* Faction ſhould approach the Preſence, or have the Ear of Queen *ANNE*, if ſo, I don't know what Honeſt Man in *England* can be ſafe in his Reputation at Court. I ſpeak feelingly, for there's not a Man Living has had more Lies and Slanders rais'd on him, than my ſelf, and that only to make me Obnoxious to the Government, that I might thereby be render'd incapable of ſerving it.

What could Her Majeſty think if this abominable Story ſhould be told her for Truth? She muſt either queſtion the Fidelity of thoſe about Her, or believe a Notorious Falſhood, to the Prejudice of the Subject; and therefore I again repeat my Petition, that none who have the Gift of Lying may approach Her Sacred Preſence.

To Illuſtrate the *High-Flying* Cauſe, and in Vindication of the Great Man in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, who is Bely'd as well as the Preacher, I ſhall take this Lye in Pieces.

The Preacher he means is Mr. *Abraham Gill*, of the Iſle of *Ely*; a Perſon I don't know, nor am I reſponſible either for his Vertues or Vices, tho' I have ſeen Teſtimonials of his good Life and Converſation, under the Hands of better Men than any I have yet heard of thoſe that Oppoſe him.

This is a meer Hydra of a Lye, it has many Heads, and they all of 'em Hiſs at ſomebody or another; at the Judges, at *Gill*, and at the whole Diſſenting Party.

It ſays *Gill* is a *Notorious Perjur'd Vagabond*, tho' *Gill* was never ſo much as Queſtion'd, much leſs Convicted of *Perjury*; indeed he was Publiſh'd in the Gazette, as being Guilty of ſome Notorious Crime, of which he was altogether Innocent, and for which ſomebody muſt, in a ſhort time, be Reſponſible.

That he had two Wives at once, is what I never before heard of *Gill*, but, I ſuppoſe, if he had had ten Whores our Author would have found no more Fault with him than he does with the *Non-juring* Clergy for turning Vagrants with the Whore of *Babylon*.

That *Gill* was not Legally quallify'd to Preach, is a Notorious Falſhood; and that the Great Man in *Weſtminſter-Hall* did determine, for that Reaſon only, that *Gill* was exempt from the late Act for Liſting Vagrants, is as Notoriouſly Falſe, for he being a Freeholder in *Lancaſhire*, and a Freeman of *Wigan* in the ſame County,

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was Exempted from that Act, by Virtue of his Freehold, and his being a Free Burgher: But this Reflection upon the Judges is not the firſt, the Faction are as Angry at them as at any other Honeſt Men; they want *Jefferies*, *Jenner* and *Scroggs*; they would fain be at their old Work again; but the Judges, they ſay, live unmercifully long, and keep ſome People from the Bench that they hope would ſerve the *Jacobite* Cauſe.

But indeed we need not wonder at the Parties Invectives againſt the Beſt of Men, when we find 'em in their Libels continually exploding that Peace and Union ſo Earneſtly recommended by Her Majeſty to Her People. I think I have ſuffered enough already for ſpeaking of the Management of Men in Power and Place, as to be Silent in that Reſpect; but I would beg leave to deſire of theſe Great Men, that ſince they won't allow me to make Remarks on their Management, how liable ſoever to Objection, that they will not ſuffer theſe Libellers to Traduce the Management of their Royal Miſtreſs, *Majora Canamus*. Her Majeſty has recommended Peace and Union to all Her Subjects, a Propoſal founded not only on *Religion*, but on Principles of the trueſt Policy, and yet this Peace and Union is the common Subject of the Factious Libellers; when at the ſame time I cannot make my Remarks on the Management of the Navy, without a Proſecution.

Country-m. Maſter *Obſervator*, we'll leave talking of this Libeller at preſent; he's a ſorry Fellow, but let us talk a little of News.

Obſ. What News?

Country-m. Any News but Navy News, you'll be in danger of Drowning in that Point.

Obſ. Here's an Account of the Arrival of Count *Tallard*, and other *French* General Officers.

Country-m. And mayn't I go to the *Tower* and ſee them; I hope they'll have no more for ſhowing the *French* Calves, than they have for ſhowing the Lyons.

Obſ. Thou art miſtaken Man, they are already gone to the Country Goals.

Country-m. Surely you are miſtaken; I was coming over Great *Tower-Hill* but t'other Week, and I ſaw a great Booth Built there, and I asked a Fellow what 'twas for, and he told me 'twas to ſhow Mr. *Tallard*.

Obſ. The Fellow play'd the Knave with thee, the great *Engliſh* Horſe is ſhown in that Booth.

Country-m. And why mayn't the great *French* A——be ſhown there alſo? Gone into the Country quotha! Why then I ſhan't ſee 'em.

Obſ. Thou may'ſt go and ſee 'em if thou haſt a mind to't; they are at *Nottingham* and *Litchfield*.

Country-m. If they learn to Drink *Nottingham*-Ale, they'll learn to do ſomething elſe; that is a Peſtilent Liquor, and Peſtilent People Drink it. But, now I think on't, Devils-Piſs is the beſt Liquor for the Devils Children. But methinks I would fain have one of theſe Generals at my Houſe, to Drink ſome of my *Proteſtant October*: I fancy 'twould turn a *Frenchman* into an *Engliſhman*. But, Maſter, what do you think the Country Folk will ſay to the Monſieurs, they can't *Parle?*

Obſ. No, no, they'll be kept cloſe, and be ſhown only thro' the Grates: They have not taken ſo long a March as Captain St. *Loe* did with his Ships Crew, from *Dinant* to *Marſeilles*, whither they Travel'd on Foot, and were Baſtinado'd by the *French* Officers if they ſo much as Halted; and all this done only to the Honour and Triumph of the great *Lewis*. We don't make ſuch a pother about a Company of Generals, tho' the like Number was never before known to be Taken in one Fight: We uſe 'em Civilly, and they find they have met with a Generous Enemy.

Country-m. When muſt they be Exchang'd?

Obſ. When they have Taken juſt ſo many General Officers from us.

Country-m. That won't be till about half an Hour after Doomſday. But, Maſter, can you tell me whether Count *Tallard* has brought ſo many Piſtoles with him this Bout as he did t'other? Or did he leave a Neſt-Egg here, in caſe he ſhould come again?

Obſ. I know nothing of that Buſineſs: I don't deal in Piſtoles: But, without doubt, he won't want. But wilt thou go and ſee him?

Country-m. Not I: I'll Drink no *Perkinite Nottingham*-Ale; and as long as I can ſee an *Engliſhman* I don't care whether ever I ſee a *Frenchman*. I have ſeen our General that Took 'em all Priſoners, and that's a better ſight by half.

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